

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Oct – Board Meeting
05-06 Oct – CA QSO Party
10 Oct – Yuba County Preparedness
Fair
12 Oct – Foxhunt
15 Oct – General Club Meeting
17 Oct – Great American Shakeout

18-20 Oct – Pacificon

19 Oct – BSA Jamboree On The Air

02 Nov – VE Session

05 Nov – Board Meeting

05 Nov – Elections

11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade

19 Nov – Club Elections/Budget

03 Dec – Board Meeting

14 Dec – Foxhunt

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.

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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, 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.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

The 2024 Veterans Day Parade is coming up on Sat., November 11 at 1100 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Bank of America parking lot, in downtown Marysville, at 9 a.m. to receive assignments and begin positioning parade participants.

Approximately 9 volunteers are needed for the annual parade. Our club needs one person minimum on each street; 6th, 7th, 8th, and D streets; however, two people on each street is

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preferred. So far Daniel (N6APX), Neil (N6CNY), Karla (K6KDS), Paul (W6PNH), Chris (KK6VZD), John (KI6UDF) and Curtis (KF6VFP) have volunteered. Two more volunteers are needed.

Curtis (KF6VFP) is the ramrod for this event. If you wish to volunteer please email him at KF6VFP@arrl.net and let him know.

ARES NEWS

As we are in the closing months of 2024, I have sat and reflected on the forward progression our ARES Team has made. I could not be happier with our team members' dedication to assisting in the community in regards of events. This year, we have been extremely lucky as to not having deployed for any tragic disasters. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can close out the year without an incident requiring our services.

The month of October is going to be a busy month for the Yuba-Sutter ARES Team. Upcoming events are as follows:

YSARES: Thursday, October 10, 2024: Yuba County's 3rd Annual Fall "Be Prepared Fair" hosted by Yuba County Office of Emergency Service. This event will focus on Flood Awareness.

Location: 1000 Lindhurst Ave, Linda - Empty lot across from Linda Fire Station 1.

Time: 3:30PM - 7PM

YSARES: Thursday, October 17, 2024: 2024 Great Shake Out (Earthquake Exercise)

Time: 10:17AM - Noon (Estimated end time)

Location: Anywhere. This exercise is a no deployment required. All traffic/movement will be simulated via the WD6AXM repeater

YSARC: Saturday, October 19, 2024: Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) 2024

Time: 8AM - TBD

Location: NorCal Adventure Area, 15356 Oregon Hill Rd., Camptonville, CA 95922

Call Sign: K2BSA/6

All events are Open to ALL Ham's. You do not need to be an ARES Member to participate in any of these events. We encourage anyone able to join us or wanting to assist please do so. We are trying to get as many hams and equipment as possible to assist with the JOTA Event. We want to cover as many bands as possible.

Anyone interested in any of these events, please contact me.

73,

Neil 'Buck' Bossard (N6CNY)

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FOXHUNT

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.

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://cqpc.org/>

PACIFICON

If you haven't registered for PACIFICONSM 2024 yet, the clock is ticking and the last day to register online and save \$10 is midnight Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 Pacific time.

Registration at the door will be \$45.00

You really don't want to miss this, so ATTENDEES REGISTER NOW!

Want to hear more about what's happening at PACIFICON2024? Of course you do...

PacificonSM gives you three great days of activities for one low cost:

- * A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics

- * An all-day Antenna Seminar

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(additional fee required)

- * Gordon West, WB6NOA: Author, educator, speaker and irrepressible promoter of all things ham radio

- * Large Vendor and Nonprofit expo filled with exciting products and exhibits

- * Events including an outdoor Swap Meet hosted by livermoreark.org.

- * Youth Activities

- * Parachute Mobile contacts

- * Electronics kit building and soldering instruction

- * A One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to pass the amateur radio Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license

- * Two days of License Testing

- * A Special Events Station W1AW/6 where you can operate and contact other hams worldwide, even if you don't have a license, hosted by paara.org.

- * Our wonderful Banquet & Keynote Speaker (additional fee required)

- * Our annual Wouff Hong Initiation ceremony

- * A chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders

- * A chance to win radios and other great prizes throughout the convention

- * M17 digital voice mode (patent free) and MMDVM talk and booths. M17 is supported by our repeater W6CX.

- * First annual conference held in San Francisco in 1920.

And perhaps the best part - a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby.

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting is scheduled for Tues., October 15th at the Marysville First UMC, Pioneer Hall.

The topic for this meeting will be "How to become a volunteer examiner."

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

From ARRL Letter dated September 5, 2024

Have a Go Kit

"ARRL is working to help radio amateurs have a plan for family resilience. Many hams enjoy public service as part of their operating. Being ready to activate for a served agency through the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) involves not only being licensed and trained, but also prepared and equipped.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, suggests that hams and their families have a "go-bag". He says there are a few things to consider: "You need to be able to function while activated, so that means you need a kit for your needs and a kit for your radio needs. If your family is impacted by the situation, they also need to have some gear at the ready."

On the ARRL website, there's an Emergency Prep Kit Checklist. It lists the common items such as food and water for several days, a first aid kit, medications, chargers for your devices and other useful items.

Having a kit for your radio is useful as well. "Go kits will vary based on

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function and need for the field,” said Johnston. “Most kits should include a dual band HT and/or mobile radio with antenna, a power supply and all necessary cables and connectors. Every kit should include note pad or paper of some type as well as pens or pencils. You should have a power source and power cables. If you are working HF then you will need an HF radio and antenna, and if you want digital capabilities, then a computer with software preloaded will be desired.”

Other things you may want will include tape and tools, spare batteries, headphones, flashlights of some sort, cell phone chargers, and a multimeter. Other items that won't fit in a bag but may be needed include a generator, a working surface like a small folding table, a chair, and some type of shelter.”

CLUB PICNIC

The club is having a picnic on Saturday, Sep 28th. 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. Bring a side dish or dessert. The club is providing the steaks. Listen in on the Monday night net for further details. Let Joe Visalli (N9BD) know if you are coming and how many.

A map to 12501 Loma Rica Road and a street view is at the end of the newsletter. Talk-in will be on the repeater.

NEW ARRL HANDBOOK

From September 2024 issue of The

Current:

“The 101st edition of The ARRL Handbook introduces a new editor, Gregory D. Lapin, PhD, PE, N9GL. Lapin and a team of subject matter experts have revised entire chapters on radio fundamentals, general safety, and more. Handbook 101 is available in a six-volume set and softcover format. Order in early-October!”

ELECTIONS

The election of new officers and board members is quickly coming up. The club will be casting their ballots at the Tuesday November 19th general meeting. We need at least 1/3 of club members to have a quorum. 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.

To date we have the following volunteers:

Elected Poitions		
President		
V. President		
Secretary	Linda	KK6SOZ
Treasurer	June	N6JEY
Board Member	Joe	N9BD
Board Member	Paul	W6PNH
Board Member	Bud	KK1BUD
Board Member		

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Board Member		
Non Elected Positions		
Club Store	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Marsha	KI6CSN
Field Day Chair		
Veterans Day	Curtis	KF6VFP
Bok Kai Chair	Bud	KK1BUD
CA QSO		
BATB*		
Net Control		
Club Prizes	Joe	N9BD
Tech. Class	Curtis	KF6VFP
Tech. Class	Joe	N9BD

*BATB: Bike Around The Buttes

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.

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Month	Name	Call
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct	Joe	N9BD
Nov		
Dec		

Month	Name	Call
2025		
Jan		
Fed		
Mar		
Apr		
May	Curtis/ Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
John (KI6UDF)

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., Nov. 2nd 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:**

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<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!

OCTOBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

05 Oct: Collegiate QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

05 Oct: Oceania DX Contest; Phone

05 Oct: CA QSO Party; CW, Phone

12 Oct: NV QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

12 Oct: Oceania DX Contest; CW

12 Oct: AZ QSO Party; CW, Phone

12 Oct: PA QSO Party; CW, Phone

12 Oct: SD QSO Party; CW, Phone

19 Oct: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

19 Oct: YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

19 Oct: NY QSO Party; CW, Phone Digital

20 Oct: IL QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Oct: ARRL School Club Roundup; CW, Phone, Digital

For more info, visit:

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

www.qrpfoxhunt.org

www.ncccsprint.com and

www.cwops.org.

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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. October 1, 2024, at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

At this meeting we'll be finalizing next years budget recommendation.

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 or KF6FVP@arrl.net

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 6, 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 - absent

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM, Ed Bischoff KO6DVL

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from July 2, 2024 as presented, Joe/Paul, passed.
- Motion to approve new member Benjamin Petersen KO6FHN, Joe/Paul, passed.
- U. S. Post Office left a receipt acknowledging payment of the box fee.

Treasurer's Report:

- No financial reports available at this time.

Old Business

- Venue for the fall picnic has been narrowed down to D&B stables or Ed KO6DVL's place. Date set for Saturday, September 28, or if unavailable, then Saturday, September 21. Hours: 10am – 4pm.
- We will continue to promote Cal QSO Party on October 5-6 and Jamboree on the Air on October 19.
- Members will be encouraged to bring their Go-Kits to the August club meeting.

New Business

- LeRoy reported that someone passed both their Technician and General test at the last test session.
- Bud suggested a video on Q-codes for the September club meeting.
- How to become a Volunteer Examiner will be the topic of the October meeting.
- We need to start recruiting volunteers for board and officer positions, and encourage attendance at the November Annual Meeting.
- We need to start planning the Christmas Party.

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Motion to adjourn at 19:47 hours, Bud/Paul, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary

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Map to Ed and Jocelyn home. 12501 Loma Rica Road, Loma Rica CA.

