

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

07 Dec – Christmas party

14 Dec – Foxhunt

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04 Jan – VE Session

07 Jan – 28 Feb Technician Class

07 Jan – Board Meeting

21 Jan – General Meeting

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

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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 preferred. So far, Daniel (N6APX), Neil (N6CNY), Karla (K6KDS), Paul (W6PNH), Chris (KK6VZD), John

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(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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party will be held at Lee's Canton Restaurant in Yuba City on Sat., December 7th. The party will be from 6:00-8:30 P.M. It will be held in the banquet room. Seating is available for about 70 people. Cost this year will be \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the next club meeting. Joe needs a final count of who is coming by November 19th.

Lee's is located at the corner of Plumas and Bridge Street in Yuba City. The entrance is facing Bridge Street. Parking is available in front of and at the west side of the restaurant.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Starting Tuesday Jan 7, 2025, the club will be sponsoring a technician Class. Classes will be held at the Red Cross Center, 2125 Onstott Road, Yuba City located in classroom 2. Sessions are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The exam session is to be determined

We will teach everything future hams need to know to pass the exam. Test taking hints will be provided. The class is free but students will need a copy of the *ARRL Ham Radio Technician Manual*, 5th ed. Students may purchase

a manual themselves or order one through one of the instructors at a 20% discount.

The instructors are Curtis (KF6VFP) and Joe (N9BD).

To sign up send an email to Curtis at: KF6VFP@arrl.net.

FOXHUNT

Photos from the last foxhunt:



Jeff KN6MXB, Paul W6PNH, Neil N6CNY, Steve and Caden, and AJ K6AJH



The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., December 14th. The Fox will be

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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 held their Jamboree On-the-Air Sat., Oct 19. Joe (N9BD), Bud (KK6BUD), Paul (W6PNH), Neil (N6CNY), and Chris (KK6VZD) set up stations and assisted the scouts in making contacts.

Here are some photos from the Jamboree making contacts and earning their radio merit badge. There are also some drone photos on the clubs Facebook page.



Joe (N9BD) assisting a scout making contacts.



Paul (W6PNH) assisting a scout making contacts.



CA QSO PARTY RESULTS

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. This years club results are:

Joe (N9BD)

167 QSO's (got side tracked with Oceania Contest)

35 Multipliers

12,390 points

Operated all six bands CW and SSB

Paul Hyatt (W6PNH)

128 QSO's

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27 Multipliers
6912 points

Chris (KK6VZD), Neil (N6CNY) and Bud (KK1BUD)

117 QSO's
35 Multipliers
8190 points

DUES INCREASE

In 20 plus years, dues have always been \$20.00 per year. However, due to rising costs the board voted at the last board meeting to increase the dues to \$30.00 per year.

The new fee structure is now:

\$30.00 for first full voting member ham in the family.

\$5.00 for each additional full voting member hams in the same household.

\$5.00 for non-voting member hams or non-hams joining the club.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND BUDGET APPROVAL

At our next general meeting, on Thurs., Nov. 19th, the club will be electing board members and officers for 2025. The proposed 2025 budget will also need your vote. A quorum of 22 is required to be present to conduct the voting.

To date we have the following volunteers:

Officers		
President		
V. President		

Secretary	Linda	KK6SOZ
Treasurer	June	N6JEY
Board Members		
Board Member	Joe	N9BD
Board Member	Paul	W6PNH
Board Member	Bud	KK1BUD
Board Member	Devyn	KE6KM
Board Member	Leonard	KO6DVV
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

To continue making this a very successful club we need your participation and expertise. 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.

PHOTOS FROM THE CLUB PICNIC

A special thank you to Ed (KO6DVL), Jocelyn (KO6DVU), and Jeremy (KO6DVS) for inviting the club to their home for a wonderful picnic. Neil (N6CNY) and his sons cooked perfect steaks.

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Karla (K6KDS) and Marsha (KI6CSN).



Judy and Karla (K6KDS).

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL



Paul (W6PNH), Joe (N9BD), Ed (KO6DVL) and Jeremy (KO6DVS) making a Parks on the Air contact at Olympia National Park, Washington.

2024

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

2025

Jan		
Fed		
Mar		
Apr		
May	Curtis/ Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Backup

	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

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Net control positions are still open for **November & December** of this year.

To sign up for net control, contact John on the net or email him at **KI6UDF@gmail.com**.

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:**

<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!

NOVEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

02 Nov: ARRL November Sweepstakes; CW

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16 Nov: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Digital, Phone

16 Nov: ARRL November Sweepstakes; Phone

For more info, visit:

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

www.qrpfoxhunt.org

www.ncccsprint.com and

www.cwops.org.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. November 5th, 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 **ysarc.net** 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 September 3, 2024 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by Chris McLain at 19:04 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD -
absent
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH
Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD
Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY - absent
Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT - absent

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM, Ed Bischoff KO6DVL

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from August 6, 2024 as presented, Joe/Bud, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- June presented the Financial Reports for September 1, 2024, which covered both July and August. Motion to approve the reports, Joe/Bud, passed.
- Motion to pay the \$200 for ARRL liability insurance, which is due November 1, Joe/Paul, passed.
- PayPal has begun 2-step verification and June is no longer able to access the account, as owner of the account is former club member and silent key Kevin K1KMC. Joe and Paul will look into it.

Old Business

- Club picnic will be Sept 28 at Ed's house from 10am set-up till 4pm. Joe reported the cost of rib eye steaks is \$11/lb. with discount. Discussion of how to offset the cost of the picnic, as last year's club-funded picnic was quite expensive. It was decided to ask attendees for donations and to bring side dishes. Motion to approve up to \$400 for purchase of steaks and picnic supplies, Paul/Bud, passed.
- We will hold the September 17th club meeting in addition to the picnic on the 28th.
- Nothing new to report regarding the Christmas Party.

New Business

- Motion to reimburse Joe \$30.25 for renewal of the club email account, Paul/Bud, passed.
- Bud received a request from the organizer of the Bok Kai festival for our help at next year's festival on March 1st.
- Curtis needs 9 volunteers to help organize Veterans Day Parade participants on November 11.
- We need to recruit volunteers to be next year's officers and board members.

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Motion to adjourn at 20:03 hours, Joe/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary