

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **2024 CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Chris McLain, KK6VZD  
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Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

## **2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

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Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY  
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD  
VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

03 Dec – Board Meeting  
07 Dec – Christmas party  
14 Dec – Fox Hunt  
  
2025  
04 Jan – VE Session  
07 Jan – 28 Feb Technician Class  
07 Jan – Board Meeting  
21 Jan – General Meeting  
  
04 Feb – Board Meeting  
08 Feb – Fox Hunt  
18 Feb – General Meeting  
  
01 Mar – Bok Kai Parade  
04 Mar – Board Meeting  
08 Mar – VE Session  
18 Mar – General Meeting

## **Local Nets**

**YSARC Net:** Monday night at 7:00  
P.M. (146.085+) PL 127.3 with swap shop  
and help sessions.

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**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

**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.

## VETERANS DAY PARADE

It was cold. It was wet. Still we had a successful Veterans Day Parade. Crystal from the American Legion says thanks!, thanks!, thanks! for making this event such a success.

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Thanks to Daniel (N6APX), Neil (N6CNY), Karla (K6KDS), Paul (W6PNH), Chris (KK6VZD), Matthew (KN6WNR), Steve (KN6IJD) and John (KI6UDF) for helping.

## **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.

## **BOK KAI PARADE**

The Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club will be providing communications and logistical support for the 145<sup>th</sup> annual Bok Kai Parade in Marysville on Saturday, March 1, 2025. We provided this service for the first time in 2024 and the committee was so impressed and grateful that they asked us to assist again this year.

Bud (KK1BUD) will chair this project and has recruited the assistance of the following club members: Curtis (KF6VFP), Buck (N6CNY), Chris (KK6VZD), Daniel (N6APX), Paul (W6PNH), Joe (AK6JN), and Todd (KO6GRI). We would like to get a couple more volunteers to make sure we are sufficiently staffed. It would only require

about 4 hours of your time 8:00 am to about Noon. It is easy and only requires that you have a reliable HT Transceiver . For new hams it is a good opportunity to get involved with club and to get to know some of the veteran HAMS. If you would be interested in helping out, you can either call or text Bud at (530) 933-9586 OR email at kk1bud@ yahoo.com.

Bud (KK1BUD)

## **NEW ARRL MEMBER SIGNUPS**

If we can get one more new ARRL member to sign up through the club, the club will receive a free copy of the ARRL Handbook. Right now we have 4 new ARRL member apps, the deal is valid with 5 new apps and it expires December 31, 2024. Do any of you know anyone who would like to sign up? Would you like to do so yourself? Please contact Linda but do so sooner rather than later as she is unable to process the applications after December 16th

Linda (KK6SOZ)

## **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*, 5<sup>th</sup>

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edition. 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).

As of 23 Nov. we have 2 people signed up for the class. If you know of anyone else interested have them contact Curtis by email at: KF6VFP@arrl.net.

## **FOX HUNT**

The next Fox Hunt is scheduled for Sat., February 8th. 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.

## **ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND BUDGET APPROVAL**

At our general meeting, on Thurs., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, the club will be elected 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:

<b>Officers</b>		
President	John	KI6UDF
V. President	Steve	KM6IJD
Secretary	Linda	KK6SOZ
Treasurer	June	N6JEY
<b>Board Members</b>		

Board Member	Joe	N9BD
Board Member	Paul	W6PNH
Board Member	Bud	KK1BUD
Board Member	Devon	KE6KM
Board Member	Leonard	KO6DVV
<b>Non Elected Positions</b>		
Club Store	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Marsha	KI6CSN
Field Day		
Veterans Day	Curtis	KF6VFP
Bok Kai Chair	Bud	KK1BUD
CA QSO		
BATB*	Ted	KN6TED
Net Control	Chris	KK6VZD
Club Prizes	Joe	N9BD
Tech. Class	Curtis	KF6VFP
Tech. Class	Joe	N9BD
Fox Hunt	Paul	W6PNH
Fox Hunt	Karla	K6KDS

\*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.

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## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL**

Okay, it's only been a couple of days since the election and my assumption of the role of Net Control Coordinator for 2025 for the club and you're already hearing from me. Hey, might as well get some momentum going while I've got the energy.

We've made a good start with filling the Net Control slots for 2025 and we've also succeeded in filling that pesky December 2024 slot so we're good to go for the next 6 months. Thank you to those who have already stepped up and volunteered to take a turn.

I'd love to be able to fill up the calendar for the rest of the year and be able to sit back and glide but I'll need your help to be able to do so. I'd love to get through the entire year with each Net Control Operator only having to take one slot.

So I'm asking first for those who have performed Net Control in the past and are comfortable in front of the mic to please consider taking a turn this year. It would help to distribute the load and give a break to others who often perform Net Control multiple times throughout the year. A shared load.

For those of you who have not yet acted as Net Control I am asking you to take a step out of your comfort zone and consider taking a turn. I know that there can be barriers to being able to do so but they can generally be overcome. If you do not have a rig that you feel is up to the job then the club can provide a radio, antenna, power supply and feed cable for you to use.

I know that sometimes microphone anxiety can be a stumbling block for

some. In order to help with that I, and several others in the club, are more than willing to give assistance in getting you ready and confident. Most often prior preparation can take away a lot of the nervousness. I am attaching a copy of the Net Control script so you can read through the process and see exactly how a net goes. Most of the time a net is conducted by simply reading this script word for word. You're not out there having to extemporize (make things up as you go along). And as I said before there are "old hands" who would be more than willing to have you sit in on a net which they conduct so you can observe and then sit in on one or two of your first nets as Net Control to give you support and back you up.

Lastly I'd like to say that, if you would be willing to be a Net Control Operator but can't dedicate a month of Mondays to do so, we would be more than glad if you could take a random Monday throughout the year as your schedule permits. I'd also like to have a list of those who would be willing to fill in for someone who can't perform Net Control as scheduled due to unforeseen circumstances.

I will do my best to give you advance notice that your turn as Net Control Operator is approaching and provide you with the latest documents beforehand so that your net goes as smoothly as possible.

Please give this request some serious thought and, if you feel able to contribute, let me know how you would like to be included.

Thanks for listening,  
73,  
Chris (KK6VZD)

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## NET CONTROL VOLUNTEERS 2024

Month	Name	Call
Dec	Matthew	KN6WNR

## 2025

Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Fed	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul/ Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr	Devon	N0DVE
May	Curtis/ Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

## Backup

	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

To sign up for net control, contact Chris on the net or email him at [KK6VZD@arrl.net](mailto:KK6VZD@arrl.net).

## VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., Jan. 4th 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

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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!

## **DECEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

06 Dec: ARRL 160-Meter Contest; CW

14 Dec: ARRL 10-Meter Contest, CW, Phone

22 Dec: ARRL Rookie Roundup; CW

30 Dec: YOTA Contest; CW, Phone

For more info, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest Corral/2024/December 2024 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest_Corral/2024/December%202024_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. December 3rd, 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](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 October 1, 2024

Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June

Meeting called to order by Joe Visalli at 19:00 hours.

### Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD - absent  
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  
Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT - absent

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

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from September 3, 2024 as presented, Bud/Neil, passed.
- We received a QSL card from K5BS Tidelands Amateur Radio Society of Texas City, Texas.
- Motion to approved new member application from Stanley Lehman KO6FMI, Paul/Bud, passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- ARRL liability insurance was paid for by credit card, credit card bill hasn't been received yet.
- Motion to approve June's Financial Reports for September 30, 2024, Neil/Paul, passed.

### Old Business

- The club picnic was a success. 32 people attended. \$398.90 was spent of the \$400 allocated. The market only had 13 rib-eyes, so the other 15 were T-bones. Some HF contacts were made.
- Cal QSO Party is this weekend, Oct 5-6.
- Neil reported 3 ARES events for October: Be Prepared Fair on Thursday, Oct 10 in Linda, Great Shake Out on Oct. 17, and Boy Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air in Camptonville on Oct. 19.
- Curtis could use a couple more volunteers for the Veterans Day parade on November 11.
- October club meeting topic will be the process of becoming a VE, presented by Joe and Paul.
- Christmas Party location was discussed. Curtis will be not be available December 3-13.
- Bud has several volunteers for the Bok Kai festival next year.
- Discussion of elections and budget approval at the November 19 club meeting.

### New Business

- Discussion of how our dues have been \$20 for many years and are not keeping up with rising costs.



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Motion to increase annual dues for Full Membership from \$20 to \$30, Associate (non-voting) Membership would remain at \$5, Neil/Joe, passed.

- Curtis will check with Red Cross about use of a room for Technician class starting in January.

Motion to adjourn at 19:49 hours, Bud/Neil, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary